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### **WARRANTS ISSUED FOR DODGE COUNTY INSURANCE AGENT**

**Atlanta --** Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today that arrest warrants have been issued for an Eastman, Ga., insurance agent who has been charged with insurance fraud and forgery in connection with policies she sold in the middle Georgia.

Sarah Amber Winans, 41, principal agent of ABC Insurance Agency, located at 1414 Morgan Creek Drive in Eastman has been charged with seven count of insurance fraud and three counts of forgery.

“Our investigation indicates that this agent was apparently preying on citizens in the middle Georgia region,” Hudgens said. “We believe Sarah Winans pocketed her clients’ money for homeowners and crop insurance coverage instead of forwarding the premiums to the insurance companies.”

The investigation into Winans’ agency and business practices has been conducted over the past several months Hudgens said. Winans is alleged to have defrauded at least \$16,000 from her clients. The investigation is continuing.

Consumers who have conducted business with Winans and have doubt about their coverage can call Commissioner Hudgens’ Consumer Services Division at 800-656-2298. Phone lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.”

Insurance fraud is a felony with a penalty of two to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

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